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ICEM, AND VOLAG ROLES AND FUNDING

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(NOTAL) F. GENEVA 1452 (NOTAL) G. STATE 40705; H. STATE
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1. AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS REFTELS A,
B, AND C, DEPT PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING DIVISION OF
RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN SUPPORT OF
INDOCHINESE CE PROGRAM:

A. AFTER APPROVAL OF TRAVEL BY CONGEN/INS/HONG KONG, UNHCR WILL ARRANGE AND FUND TRAVEL FROM REFUGEE'S LOCATION IN COUNTRY OF FIRST ASYLUM TO INTERNATIONAL DEPARTURE POINT IN THAT COUNTRY, AND WILL ARRANGE AND FUND CARE AND MAINTENANCE UNTIL DEPARTURE IF REQUIRED.

B. ICEM WILL PICK-UP REFUGEE TRAVELER UPON ARRIVAL AT INTERNATIONAL DEPARTURE POINT IN FIRST ASYLUM COUNTRY AT TIME OF DEPARTURE IT HAS SCHEDULED IN MAKING TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS FROM FIRST ASYLUM, THROUGH HONG KONG, TO FINAL DESTINATION IN U.S. ICEM WILL ARRANGE AND FUND THE TEMPORARY CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF REFUGEES IN HONG KONG DURING FINAL CE/NPV PROCESSING. VISA FEES IN HONG KONG WILL ALSO BE PAID BY ICEM.

C. VOLAG JOINT REPRESENTATIVE IN PLACE OF FIRST ASYLUM WILL ARRANGE AND PAY FOR MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND PHOTOGRAPHING OF REFUGEES AS PART OF DOCUMENTATION ASSISTANCE.

2. WE ENVISAGE FUNDING FOR ABOVE ACTIVITIES AS FOLLOWS:

A. UNHCR EXPENSES TO BE DRAWN FROM FUNDS PROVIDED REFTEL D FOR CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF REFUGEES.

B. ICEM WILL FUND TRAVEL, BOTH INTERNATIONAL AND INLAND UNITED STATES, FROM ACCOUNT NUMBER 5 (AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM EPP ACCOUNT TO LOAN FUND FORTH-UNCLASSIFIED

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COMING BY SEPTTEL). DEPT APPROVES PROPOSAL THAT ONE FLAT RATE OF USD 320 PER ADULT, USD 160 PER CHILD. USD 32 PER INFANT BE AMOUNT COVERED IN PROMISSORY NOTE, REGARDLESS OF ORIGIN AND DESTINATION IN U.S. EARLIER NOTES AGAINST LOAN FUND MAY BE WRITTEN BACK TO THOSE AMOUNTS. WHEREAS EXPENSES FOR TRANSPORTATION SHOULD BE MET FROM LOAN FUND ACCOUNT NUMBER 5, ALL OTHER ICEM EXPENSES (TRANSIT CARE AND MAINTENANCE AND VISA FEES) SHOULD BE MET FROM SEPARATE FUNDS. LOAN FUND SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE SOURCE OF USG REIMBURSEMENT FOR THOSE EXPENSES. WE EXPECT THESE WILL INITIALLY BE MET FROM FUNDS PROVIDED THROUGH UNHCR. EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO MINIMIZE TRANSIT CARE AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES. (FOR IMMEDIATE FUTURE USD 20,000 WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ICEM FOR THIS PURPOSE BY SEPTTEL).

C. INITIAL EXPENSES BY VOLAGS FOR DOCUMENTATION AND RELATED SERVICES WILL BE MET BY CONTRIBUTION USD 80,000 TO UNHCR (SEPTTEL) EARMARKED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

3. SERVICES OF DR. KARALNICK NOT REQUIRED BY U.S. PROGRAM IN BANGKOK, AND HIS ASSIGNMENT A MATTER FOR ICEM DECISION BASED ON CONSIDERATIONS OTHER THAN USG REIMBURSEMENT. WE ARE, HOWEVER, MOST GRATEFUL FOR THE FINE JOB HE DID IN CONNECTION WITH THE EPP. REQUEST EMBASSY BANGKOK EXTEND DEPARTMENTS APPRECIATION AND BEST WISHES TO DR. KARALNICK.

4. PRESENT ESTIMATE IS THAT AT MOST 4,000 PRINCIPALS AND DEPENDENTS WILL BENEFIT BY USG PROGRAM IN 1977. REQUEST MISSION IN GENEVA SEEK AGREEMENT OF UNHCR TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE OUTLINED PARA 1A ABOVE

AND OF ICEM TO PROVIDE SERVICES AS IN PARA 1B ABOVE, AND PROVIDE ESTIMATED COSTS ON BASIS 4,000 CASELOAD, BROKEN DOWN INTO CATEGORIES OF EXPENDITURES. DEPT. RECOGNIZES THAT PROJECTIONS DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF DISTRIBUTION
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OF 4,000 IN FIRST ASYLUM COUNTRIES, TIME IN TRANSIT CENTERS, AGES OF REFUGEES, ETC.

5. DEPARTMENT NOTES THAT CONGEN HK IN REFTEL E FORSEES POSSIBLE DIFFICULTY IN COORDINATING MOVEMENTS THROUGH TWO ICEM OFFICES. REQUEST ICEM GENEVA RECONSIDER RESPECTIVE ROLES OF HK AND BANGKOK OFFICES CONFIRMED IN REFTEL F, WITH AIM OF SIMPLIFYING PROCEDURES TO ENABLE CONGEN TO MANAGE FLOW OF REFUGEES AS DIRECTED PARA 7, REFTEL G.

6. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES APPROVED FOR HUMANITARIAN PAROLE OR RECEIVING IV OTHER THAN P-7 OR NPV WILL RECEIVE SAME ASSISTANCE AS OTHER REFUGEES SO LONG AS THEY MEET MEANS TEST THAT WAS EMPLOYED THROUGHOUT EPP PROGRAM AND ARE CONSIDERED STILL TO BE REFUGEES AND NOT PERMANENTLY RESETTLED SINCE THEIR FLIGHT FROM INDOCHINA AT THE TIME OF THE COMMUNIST TAKEOVER. ARRANGEMENTS AND FUNDING FOR SUCH REFUGEES WILL BE SAME AS FOR CE/NPV PROGRAM IF ASSISTANCE IS DESIRED. THUS THE POLICY STATED IN PARA 6, REFTEL H. IS SUBSTANTIALLY CONTINUED, WITH PARTICULARS ADJUSTED TO ACCORD WITH PROCEDURES OF NEW PROGRAM.
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